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DOE's National Science Bowl® Hydrogen Fuel Cell Model Car Race

Middle School Regional Champions From Around the Country to Compete

WASHINGTON, DC— Thirty-six middle school teams from across the nation will race hydrogen fuel cell model cars this weekend as part of the U.S. Department of Energy’s National Science Bowl competition. The middle school students designed and built their model cars that are fueled by hydrogen and brought them to Washington, D.C. to compete.

The teams will be judged on two criteria – time trials and car design. The three teams with the fastest cars will take home \$750, \$500 and \$250 respectively for their schools' science departments. The team with the car judged to have the best design will win \$500.

The car races are open to the media and will be held Sunday, May 3 from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Bethesda Chevy Chase High School, 4301 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD.

Each of the participating teams emerged from a regional science academic competition to earn an all-expense-paid trip to DOE's National Science Bowl. Besides racing their cars at the National Science Bowl, from May 2-4 the teams will demonstrate their knowledge of all science disciplines in a fast-paced question and answer competition format similar to *Jeopardy*.

The National Science Bowl is the nation's largest academic competition of its kind and the only one sponsored by a federal agency.

More than 6,000 middle school students competed in this year's regional competitions. Since the National Science Bowl's inception in 1991, more than 150,000 students and teachers have participated.

A list of the 36 teams and other information about DOE's National Science Bowl are available at: <http://nationalsciencebowl.energy.gov>.

NOTE: Following the races, there will be a satellite feed of footage showing the competition, including the final speed races. Still photos of teams racing their cars will be available on request.

Satellite Feed of Footage from Hydrogen Fuel Cell Model Car Speed Races

WHO: National Science Bowl Middle School Teams

WHEN: Sunday, May 3, 9:00 P.M. EDT

WHERE: Satellite/Band: AMC1 C

Transponder: 9

Downlink Frequency: 3880

Polarity: Horizontal

Audio Channels: 6.2 / 6.8 (Standard)

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